

REMARKS

All changes to claims 1 through 18 are to remove the multiple dependency of the original claims. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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Attached: Marked-up Version of Claims Showing Changes

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MARKED - UP CLAIMS

1. Device for the transdermal administration of an active compound, comprising a current generator and at least one pair of electrodes for application to a patient, one of which must be suitable for holding a vehicle containing the active compound, characterized in that said generator generates a one-way current between said electrodes which is modulated in amplitude by a modulator of a periodic nature.
2. Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that said modulator has an amplitude which can vary between zero and a maximum value.
3. Device according to Claim 1 [or 2] characterized in that the one-way current has a positive sinusoidal waveform.
4. Device according to Claim 1 [or 2] characterized in that the one-way current has a rectified sinusoidal waveform.
5. Device according to Claim 1 [or 2] characterized in that the one-way current has a half-sinusoidal waveform.
6. Device according to Claim 1 [or 2] characterized in that the one-way current has a triangular or sawtooth waveform.
7. Device according to Claim 1 [or 2] characterized in that the one-way current has a square waveform.
8. Device according to [one or more of the foregoing] Claims [1], characterized in that the modulator has a waveform selected from the group comprising: a triangular waveform, a rectified sinusoidal waveform, a half-sinusoidal waveform or combinations thereof.
9. Device according to [one or more of the foregoing] Claims [1], characterized in that the one-way current has a frequency of between 100 and 3000 Hz.
10. Device according to [one or more of the foregoing] Claims [1], characterized in that the modulator has a frequency between 0.1 and 5 Hz and preferably between 0.5 and 1 Hz.
11. Device according to [one or more of the foregoing] Claims [1], characterized in that the current applied between the electrodes has a

maximum value of 100 mA.

12. Method of administering an active compound by transdermal means, comprising the stages of:

- applying two electrodes, one of which is associated with a vehicle containing the active compound,
- 5 • generating a one-way current between the two said electrodes which is modulated in amplitude by a modulating signal of a periodic nature.

13. Method according to Claim 12, characterized in that said one-way current has a waveform selected from the group comprising: a rectified 10 sinusoidal wave, a half-sinusoidal wave, a sawtooth wave, a triangular wave, a square wave, a positive sinusoidal wave, a train of pulses.

14. Method according to Claim[s] 12 [or 13], characterized in that said modulator has a waveform selected from the group comprising: a triangular waveform, a sawtooth waveform, a rectified sinusoidal waveform, a half-sinusoidal waveform or combinations thereof.

15. Method according to Claim[s] 12, [13 or 14], characterized in that said modulating signal has an amplitude which can be varied between zero and a maximum value.

16. Method according to [one or more of] Claims 12 [to 15], 20 characterized in that said one-way current has a frequency of between 100 and 3000 Hz.

17. Method according to [one or more of] Claims 12 [to 16], characterized in that said modulating signal has a frequency of between 0.1 and 5 Hz and preferably between 0.5 and 1 Hz.

25 18. Method according to [one or more of the foregoing] Claims 12, characterized in that the current between said electrodes varies between zero and a maximum value equal to 100 mA.